

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back to a new school year. We started off on Monday with a powhiri to welcome all our new students, their whanau and our new teachers, Mrs Standish Kotare hub and Mrs Heyes who is our new Reading Recovery teacher. It was quite sad though, as we could all feel a real sense of loss without Whaea Whetu running things as she did. It was incredibly sad to learn of her sudden passing near the end of the break and I would like to thank all those that came with the staff to spend time with Whetu and the family before she headed up North.

Whetu was a real presence in our school. She has been a Board member, a Home and School member, she taught junior Kapa Haka and she was also teaching ukulele to our students. Whetu was in at school almost everyday checking in on how things were going and what she needed to do. On a personal note, I will miss our conversations in my office and her sense of humour.

At present Ms V is unwell and is taking time to recuperate for a few days. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to either come see me or talk to Mrs Batemen who is currently in Room 1.

As is always the case, as soon as we go back to school the sun comes out with a vengeance and our children and teachers start to melt. We are now very lucky to have heat pumps in 4 of our 7 classes and hopefully we may be able to look at the junior classes when we start the modernisation work on this block during the year.

School Grounds:

As I have put in previous newsletters, the school grounds are closed at 8:30pm each night. We are going to monitor this much more closely as there are things being broken and people are not respecting our space. The only option we have is to close the grounds even earlier if the breakages keep happening. It would also be helpful if parents popped up to school to check on their children every now and then as there are some children who spend the entire day here on the weekend.

Fees:

At a Board of Trustees meeting last year it was decided that we would opt into the Governments School Donations Scheme. This means that this year you are not being asked to pay a school donation. We will also not be charging a fee for the Year 7 and 8's for technology as this will be covered as well. The money we receive from the Government will also be used to cover other expenses such as the Beach Education for all year 3 to 8 children that will happen in a couple of weeks.

Later on in the year the senior hub will be going on a camp to El Rancho in Waikanae. We will be applying for funding to cover the camp and we will also use some of the money from the School Donations Scheme. We are allowed under the scheme to ask for a donation towards the cost of the senior camp, however, you are not obliged to pay it. We of course would appreciate any contributions to the camp as we want the students to be able to undertake all activities.

More information on this will follow.

Key Competencies:

Managing Self:

This term we are having a huge focus on the key competency of Managing Self. We would like parents to discuss this with their children and ask what this looks like. Here are a couple of pointers if parents are looking for ideas:

*I can carry my own bag to school.

*I get out the things I need for learning when I get to school.

*I put my things like clothing in my bag and zip it up so I don't lose things.

- *I choose a place to work where I know I am not going to be interrupted.
- *I make sure I do my work to the best of my ability.
- *If I need help I ask a friend, a teacher aide or the teacher.
- *I always take care of my Must Do's before I start work on my Can Do's

New Parking Area on Thomas Place:

The new parking area has been completed and is being used. We have closed off the old pedestrian gate on Thomas Place as the patrolled crossing has now moved down to the new area. There is now ample parking on Thomas Place and we would ask parents to try and make the most of this area as it relieves the pressure on Carthew Terrace.

What we would like to see is all the children that are in Taranui and Kuaka Hub use the Thomas Place gate if they are being picked up or dropped off at school. The children in Kotare hub can still come in through the Carthew Terrace gate as many parents are also dropping off preschoolers too.

On another note, it has been really good to see so many children making use of the good weather and riding their bikes to school. We just ask that other parents are aware that there are more bikes on the road and to keep a sharp eye out.

Beach Education Days:

Last week we emailed a notice home to all families that have children in Year 3 to Year 8. The most important part of the notice was about securing parents helpers on the day. If we do not get the ratio that the life guards require then the children are not allowed to go into the water.

This is where they get to put the learnings of the day into action so we would really appreciate as much help as we can get. We will be sending home the note again today so if you can help can you please fill out the slip and return it to the office immediately.

Senior Swimming Sports Years 4 - 8:

This will be held at the Foxton Town Pool on Thursday the 5th of March. It was the only day that we could book the pool so we had to take it. It is a very short turn around before the Inter School Swimming Sports on Monday the 9th of March. Notices will come home on the Friday after our swimming sports.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

- 14 Feb Assembly 9 am
- 19-21 Feb Beach Education Days
- 24 Feb Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm
- 26 Feb Home & School AGM 6.30 pm
- 28 Feb Assembly 9 am
- 5th March Senior Swimming Sports
- 9 March Interschool Swimming Sports
- 12 March Tarānui Sleepover



<p>AGM WED, 26TH FEB. 6.30PM, SCHOOL HALL</p> <p>All very welcome. More info to come. See teachers for why its so important to the school</p> <p>Inclusive Staff Ideas</p> <p>STUDENTS School Teachers community</p> <p>committee Rewarding Fundraising</p> <p>Make a difference</p> <p>PARENTS VOLUNTEER</p> <p>COMMUNICATION events</p> <p>Foxton Beach Fun</p> <p>Home & School</p> <p>Fundraising Whanau</p>	 <p>KEEP CALM</p> <p>AND</p> <p>JOIN HOME & SCHOOL</p> <p>or just come to the AGM!</p>
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Kotare Hub

Welcome back to school, the weather is amazing, so hot and perfect for afternoon swimming! 2020 will be an amazing learning year for all our tamariki. We have had a lot of fun planning our units for this term.

We are very excited to welcome Terasa Standish into our Year 2/3 class, she will be teaching in Room 2 and Jane Heyes who is teaching our Reading Recovery students. Please come in and say hello.



Kia ora My name is Terasa Standish (Mrs Standish) and I am very excited to introduce myself as the new teacher of Room 2 in Team Kotare. I have had a passion for education and what it can do to transform communities for most of my adult life, however, my decision to move to teaching comes from my time spent as a student / learning advisor at UCOL in Palmerston North. While working with students directly to help improve their work I felt a deep drive to help them succeed. The relationships we built were founded on trust and mutual respect and their successes became my successes. I have a Bachelor of Arts Majoring in Education and last year I completed my Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary). Some of you may recognise me as my last placement was here at Foxton Beach which I thoroughly enjoyed and am incredibly excited to start my teaching career at such a special school with amazing staff to guide me.

Health and PE units will focus on swimming for the start of the term and move into Athletics. We will be holding a swimming demonstration in the second half of the term, please keep an eye on Seesaw for more information.

Science - we have planned a unit on water called 'Wonderful Wai'. This unit will look at the different physical properties of water. We have Science Kits coming and have planned a number of experiments.

Mathematics - This term we will be exploring Statistical investigations and the concept of Equivalence across many strands.

Seesaw - Keep an eye out on your child's Seesaw account. This is where we will be posting evidence of their learning as it happens, group activities and class learning. There may be some notices relating to the class posted here, these may also be put on Facebook or emailed.

Homework - every student in our hub needs to bring their bookbag, homework book, reader and folder to school every day. We have put a detailed description of the expectations into the front cover of all the homework books, if you have any questions please come and see us.

We run an open door so if you want to touch base with us come in or email.

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Tarānui Hub

Welcome to Term 1, 2020. We hope all of the whānau from our class received our start of year class newsletter, with lots of specific Team Tarānui information. If not, please ensure your email is up to date at the office, or email/call and ask for a printed copy. We do try to put most of our notices out through email and/or Seesaw to save the trees!

Science

We are going to explore some science concepts based on the sun and heat energy this term. We will get underway with this learning soon once we have spent some more time setting up our class routines.

Sunsmart

Please keep reminding your children about being sunsmart in these hotter months. It is compulsory to wear a school hat whenever outside, and we have sunscreen that we encourage children to put on.

Seesaw

As we start getting some learning shared on Seesaw, it would be fantastic to get some meaningful comments on these posts from parents and caregivers. The children thrive from getting this positive feedback from home.

Sleepover

In our class newsletter, there were two dates given for the sleepover. This is because we were working through the best date for the tides so missed one date when we were changing it. So to confirm, the date is March 12th. Please make sure that you come to get police vetting forms if you wish to stay the night - and we will definitely need a minimum of 5 parents staying the night in order for this to go ahead.

Kuaka Hub

Wow, the first few days have flown by in the Kuaka Hub! We have had the chance to create some awesome artwork and inspiration posters for our walls and have had the chance to head outside and learn some of the fun games and routines we use when the weather is good.

We have swimming most days during the week and our hub is taking part in extra swimming sessions at the Foxton Pools each Friday.

We're beginning our science focuses on the Physical World next week, covering the science behind parachutes, windmills, and water wheels.

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